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SUBJ: ARAB LEAGUE SUMMIT MEETING

WE UNDERSTAND FROM RELIABLE SOURCES THAT EFFORTS BY MOROCCO AND ALGIERIA TO PROMOTE ARAB LEAGUE SUMMIT TO DISCUSS NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN AT LEAST PROVISIONALLY SIDETRACKED BY COMBINED EGYPTIAN AND SYRIAN OPPOSITION. ALGERIAN SPECIAL ENVOY KARIM BELKACEM VISITED DAMASCUS OCT 28 AND REPORTEDLY FAILED CONVINCE SARG OF NEED FOR SUMMIT. FOLLOWING HAFEZ ASSAD'S OCT 29 SPEECH, BOTH SYRIANS AND EGYPTIANS APPEAR TO OBSERVERS HERE AS PREPARED ENTER NEGOTIATIONS WITHOUT ADDED HANDICAP OF TRYING CONVINCE OTHER ARAB GOVTS OF CORRECTNESS THEIR POSITIONS. BUFFUM UNQTE KISSINGER

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